product at recognised Testing Centres both at home and abroad when needed.

(v) Where Government is the major buyer, promoting with the concerned user Government Departments the purchase of the products manufactured by NRDC dicensees.

(vi) Popularision of the technologies/products in NRDC's portfolio through Trade Exhibitions.

(vii) Arranging TV interviews on important products such as Fly Ash Bricks and Rice Husk Particle Board.

(viii) Offering concessional ratets of advertisements for product advertisements in NRDC publications.

(c) The Corporation has secured the assignment of 46 new technologies from various R&D institutions during the year 1991–92.

Investment by Japanese Companies

5665. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Japanese Companies which have agreed to invest in India after the announcement of new industrial policy;

(b) the fields in which these companies are likely to set up their projects;

(c) the location of such projects, Statewise; and

(d) the time by which these companies are likely to set up their projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). After the announcement of the new industrial Policy in July, 1991, Government, as well as Reserve Bank of India, have approved about 20 proposals till the end of February, 1992 envisaging direct foreign investment by Japanese companies of about Rs. 135.45 crores. The details of approved proposals of foreign collaboration, including the proposal envisaging direct investment by foreign companies in the form of equity in Indian companies viz. name of foreign collaboratiors, item of manufacture and nature of collaboration are being published on monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi, as a supplement to its monthly Newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

(c) Approvals for foreign collaboration generally do not indicate location of the projects to be set up under the collaboration and, accordingly, details of foreign collaboration approvals specific to a location are not centrally maintained.

(d) The gestation period of an industrial project will vary not only from industry to industry but also from project to project. Clearance of foreign investment proposals is also an on-going process. No time schedule can, therefore, be indicated in this regard.

Effect of Implementation of revamped Public Distribution System

5666. SHRI P.C.THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of implementation of the revamped public Distribution System in 1700 blocks in the country;